IN THIS ISSUE: Practices about public health collaborations with pharmacies to prepare for emergencies, respond to high antiviral demand during H1N1, and help people stay on their medications following a flood.

We're looking for practices from state and local health agencies to feature on our Web site. Submissions are accepted in all categories, and we especially welcome practices addressing bioterrorism, chemical emergencies, natural disasters, and radiation preparedness.

PHARMACY PREPAREDNESS TOOLKITS

IN THIS PRACTICE: Two local health departments built a toolkit planners can use to engage pharmacies in preparedness. Tools include communication campaigns, training programs, and success stories. Details here.

IN THIS PRACTICE: Collaborative drug therapy agreements (CDTAs) give pharmacists greater oversight over medication needs during an emergency. The Seattle-King County Advanced Practice Center developed a toolkit to help health departments and pharmacists navigate each stage of a CDTA. Details here.

MEDICATION USE AFTER A FLOOD

H1N1 communications (OR)
"Mitigation menu" simplifies countermeasure updates Details here.

Sovereign nations (AZ)
Tribal committee's efforts clarify...
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IN THIS PRACTICE: After extensive flooding in spring 2010, the Tennessee Department of Health partnered with pharmacies and insurance agencies to help displaced people access and pay for their medications. Details here.

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ANTIVIRAL ACCESS DURING H1N1
IN THIS PRACTICE: South Carolina planners used Memoranda of Agreement with retail pharmacies to address shortages of and increased demand for antivirals during H1N1. Details here.

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Questions or comments?

FOR MORE INFORMATION about public health collaborations with schools of pharmacy and academic health services:

Check out CIDRAP’s report on H1N1 response at the Big 10+2 universities
